Region 3 Ohio History Day | March 7, 2020
Winners by Category

**Junior Group Documentary**

**First Place**
*Roberto Clemente, A Major League Legend, Whose Head First Humanitarian Slide Broke the Barriers of Prejudice and the Stereotypes of Athletes*
Naoki Sato and Reyna Uechi
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Joseph Parrino

**Second Place**
*From the Atlantic Wall to the Rhine: The Ghost Army’s Deceptions to Break Through Germany’s Barriers*
Eashan Kosaraju and Omar Elbadawy
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Connie Miller

**Third Place**
*A Cryptography Miracle: The Unbreakable Barrier of the Navajo Code Talkers*
Aanya Lakireddy and Siya Lakireddy
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Joseph Parrino

**Honorable Mention**
*Dorothea Dix: Liberating the Mentally Ill From Misery by Breaking Barriers of Public and Political Judgement*
Nadia Milovich and Fatema Dinary
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Connie Miller
Senior Group Documentary

First Place
*Fighting Side by Side: The Story of President Harry Truman’s Initiative to Integrate the Armed Forces*
Samuel Grube, Avery Maytin and William Corbin
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Second Place
*Roberto Clemente: A Star On and Off the Field*
Rachel Coxon, Olivia Peebles, Carly Gimbel
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Konopinski

Third Place
*Breaking the Barriers of Climate Change in Higher Education: Oberlin College’s Approach to Sustainable Development*
Emma Kim, Daria Martz and Greta Arbogast
School: Oberlin High School
Teacher(s): Donna Shurr

Junior Group Exhibit

First Place
*Jackie Robinson, Breaking the Color Barrier: Baseball to the American Civil Rights Movement*
Daniel Wise and Michael Grobelny
School: St. Barnabas School
Teacher(s): Judith Darus

Second Place
*U.S. Colored Troops: Breaking Racial Barriers during the Civil War*
Colin Bennett, Shwetan Varanasi, Michael Enders and Adam Thompson
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher(s): Frank O’Grady

Third Place
*Breaking Barriers in Naval Technology: The USS Monitor vs the CSS Virginia*
Cehan Ahmad and Daniel Bowles  
School: Menlo Park Academy  
Teacher(s): Frank O’Grady

**Honorable Mentions**

*Dian Fossey: No One Loved Gorillas More*  
Piper Satola and Scotland Satola  
School: St. Barnabas School  
Teacher(s): Judith Darus

*Sesame Street- 50 Years and Counting*  
Evan Mlachak and Ethan Lewis  
School: St. Barnabas School  
Teacher(s): Judith Darus

*Chuck Yeager- Breaking the Sound Barrier*  
Connor Fleming and Crosby Rush  
School: St. Barnabas School  
Teacher(s): Judith Darus

*Madam CJ Walker: Breaking Barriers and African American Businesswoman*  
Siena Maschke and Rebekah Gordon  
School: Menlo Park Academy  
Teacher(s): Frank O’Grady

**Senior Group Exhibit**

**First Place**  
*Shaker Heights: The Road to Idealizing and Realizing the Suburban Dream*  
Agatha Augustine, Grace Fraser and Mia Compton-Engle  
School: Shaker Heights High School  
Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

**Second Place**  
*“I Believe in Cleveland”*  
Jonathan Brinkley, Nora Konrad and Nichele Abeyesundere  
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

**Third Place**

*Jackie Cochran: Aviation’s Heroine*
Leela Khatri, Aziza Khatri, Katharine Fraser and Daniel Tcheurekdjian
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

**Honorable Mentions**

*Ida B. Wells*
Katie Rusnak and Samantha Sekeres
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

*Dorothea Dix and Breaking Mental Illness Stigma*
Kiera Ahern, Kristen Zak, Cassidy Yesko and Grace Kandrach
School: Lutheran West
Teacher(s): David Ressler

**Junior Group Performance**

**First Place**

*Viva La Causa! Dolores Huerta’s Battle to Break the Barrier of Inequality for the Migrant Farmworkers*
Camille Boyer, Nasreen Shakur and Sofia Boyd
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Connie Miller

**Second Place**

*The Japanese American Internment Camps: Creating a Home Behind the Barrier of Barbed Wire*
Fiona Boyd, Audrey Ronayne and Mariana Del Rio
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Joseph Parrino

**Third Place**

*Nellie Bly: Breaking Through the Barrier of Society’s Expectations*
Su-Kyi Ng, Brookie Gemechu and Isabella Bixler
School: Birchwood School of Hawken  
Teacher(s): Connie Miller

**Senior Group Performance**

**First Place**  
*Martha Graham In her own words*  
Cody Englander, Madeleine McKenney, Henry Harte, and Lydia Vadnal  
School: Shaker Heights High School  
Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

**Second Place**  
*Billie Jean King: Breaking Barriers On and Off the Court*  
Lucy Dale, Marie York, Olivia Kuhel, and Ruby Cover  
School: Shaker Heights High School  
Teacher(s): Sarah Davis

**Third Place**  
*Blowing the Lid of the Soviet Union: How Chernobyl Led to the Collapse of the USSR*  
Maria Krouse and Anna Welsh  
School: Shaker Heights High School  
Teacher(s): Sarah Davis

**Junior Group Website**

**First Place**  
*The Visual Arts of the Harlem Renaissance: Chiseling Away at Racial Barriers and Painting a New Future for Black Artists*  
Rebecca Chin and Abby Gemechu  
School: Birchwood School of Hawken  
Teacher(s): Connie Miller

**Second Place**  
*The Tuskegee Airmen: Breaking Through Clouds of Prejudice and Segregated Units*  
Dilan Nadkarni, Ryan Vaziri, and Omar Issa  
School: Birchwood School Of Hawken  
Teacher(s): Joseph Parrino
Third Place
*Manhattan Project (The Making of the First Atomic Bomb)*
Grant Doeringer and Landon Wall-D
School: Christian Community School
Teacher(s): Michael Hoehn

Senior Group Website

First Place
*The Ambiguous Frontier*
Sebastian Schomerus, Oscar Chapnick, Marcel Prochoroff and Maclin Stupay
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Second Place
*The Establishment of Yellowstone National Park*
Owen Bang, Gage Weingart, William Welsh and John Yasinsky
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher(s): Sarah Davis and Joseph Konopinski

Third Place
*Breaking Barriers: Flying High with Jacqueline Cochran*
Asher Cipinko and Ewan Inglis
School: Oberlin High School
Teacher(s): Donna Shurr

Junior Individual Documentary

First Place
*Ohio’s Barrier- Breaking Physician: The Story of Myra King Merrick*
Angela D’Souza
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Joseph Parrino

Second Place
*The First Opium War: Britain’s Excuse to Shatter China’s Commerce Barrier Against the Foreign World*
Qiwen Wu  
School: Birchwood School of Hawken  
Teacher(s): Connie Miller

**Third Place**  
*The Manhattan Project: The Chain Reaction that Broke the Research and Secrecy Barriers*  
Nikhil Mahajan  
School: Birchwood School of Hawken  
Teacher(s): Connie Miller

**Senior Individual Documentary**

**First Place**  
*Renee Richards*  
Rain Jocas  
School: Western Reserve Academy  
Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

**Second Place**  
*One man’s Vulgarity is Another Man’s Lyric: Skywalker Records, Inc v. Navarro and Freedom of Speech*  
Hunter Amos  
School: Western Reserve Academy  
Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan

**Third Place**  
*Lighting the Torch: The 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment*  
Ben Witt  
School: Shaker Heights High School  
Teacher(s): Joseph Konopinski

**Junior Individual Exhibit**

**First Place**  
*Powering Print: Johannes Gutenberg and the Printing Press*  
Leah Dragmen  
School: St. Barnabas School
Second Place
*Breaking the Sound Barrier*
Jack Bellar
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher(s): Frank O'Grady

Third Place
*Nellie Bly: Journalist & Activist*
Annie Fuhrer
School: St. Barnabas School
Teacher(s): Judith Darus

Honorable Mentions

*Rebecca Lee Crumpler: First African American Doctor*
Grant Squires
School: Langston Middle School
Teacher(s): Alison Smith

*Josephine Baker - Dancing Her Way Past Racial Barriers and Serving the Country She Loved*
Moriah Armstrong
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Connie Miller

*"The Sensational Development of Eliminating Sensation"*
Kaden Drake
School: Christian Community School
Teacher(s): Michael Hoehn

*Sandra Day O'Connor - Raising the Bar: Breaking Gender Barriers to become the "FWOTSC"*
Eden Fitzpatrick
School: St. Barnabas School
Teacher(s): Judith Darus

**Senior Individual Exhibit**
First Place
Title IX: How America’s Girls Got in the Game
Abby Harper
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher(s): Joseph Konopinski

Second Place
Kursk: The Last Barrier on the Eastern Front
Sam Johnson
School: Christian Community School
Teacher(s): Michael Hoehn

Third Place
Staying Steadfast in the Suffocating Space of Segregation
Brooke Williams
School: Christian Community School
Teacher(s): Michael Hoehn

Honorable Mentions
William J. Powell: Building a Course for the Future
Kat Moorman
School: Christian Community School
Teacher(s): Michael Hoehn

The French Resistance
John Maloney
School: Strongsville High School
Teacher(s): Erica Powell

Junior Individual Performance

First Place
Breaking the Barriers in Rock and Roll: Alan Freed
Madeleine Nowakowski
School: Menlo Park Academy
Teacher(s): Frank O’Grady
Second Place  
Harriet Quimby: Flying Past Barriers  
Piper Kennedy  
School: Christian Community School  
Teacher(s): Michael Hoehn  

Third Place  
Ain’t No Mountain High Enough To Keep Motown from Braking Barriers  
Saumya Mahajan  
School: Revere Middle School  
Teacher(s): Dawn Cancelliere  

Senior Individual Performance  

First Place  
Carol Burnett: Running With the Big Dogs  
Mary Grace Wilkinson  
School: Shaker Heights High School  
Teacher(s): Joseph Konopinski  

Second Place  
Ella!: Rags to Rhythm  
Daisy Kennedy  
School: Christian Community School  
Teacher(s): Michael Hoehn  

Junior Individual Website  

First Place  
Women Flying Through Gender Barrier: The 1929 Women’s Air Race  
Navya Chauhan  
School: Menlo Park Academy  
Teacher(s): Frank O’Grady  

Second Place  
Nellie Bly: Breaking Barriers for Women in Journalism
Aashvi Kenia  
School: Menlo Park Academy  
Teacher(s): Frank O’Grady

**Third Place**  
*Charles Lindbergh, 1927 first solo flight across the Atlantic*  
John Mendoza  
School: Menlo Park Academy  
Teacher(s): Frank O’Grady

**Senior Individual Website**

**First Place**  
*Eradication Smallpox: How Scientists Broke Social-Political and Geographic Barriers to Eliminate a Killer*  
Vaishavi V Nayak  
School: Mayfield High School  
Teacher(s): Rachael Streitman

**Second Place**  
*Extinguishing Divergence: The Burned Books of 1933 Nazi Germany*  
Faith Rider  
School: Strongsville High School  
Teacher(s): Erica Powell

**Third Place**  
*Rosalind Franklin: Breaking Barriers to Discover DNA’s Structure through X-Ray Crystallography*  
Alison Zhong  
School: Strongsville High School  
Teacher(s): Erica Powell

**Junior Paper**

**First Place**  
*The Discovery of Penicillin: Breaking Through the Barrier of Limited Scientific Imagination and Opening the Door to Unlimited Medical Discoveries*  
Areesha Nouman
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Connie Miller

Second Place
Frida Kahlo: Breaking Barriers by Painting through Pain
Samyuktha Iyer
School: Birchwood School of Hawken
Teacher(s): Connie Miller

Third Place
Breaking Racial Barriers: Mohandas Gandhi and his Fight against Indian Disfranchisement and his Fight for Civil rights for Indians in South Africa
Neelesh Gupta
School: Dover Intermediate School
Teacher(s): Linda Worthington

Senior Paper

First Place
Biblical Adversaries Break Down Barriers: The Camp David Accords
Hazel Smith
School: Shaker Heights High School
Teacher(s): Joseph Konopinski

Second Place
Breaking Barriers: The Indian Caste System
Shubh Thakkar
School: Strongsville High School
Teacher(s): Erica Powell

Third Place
Changes in Fashion in the 1950s and their Implications to the Feminism
Zhiyi Wu
School: Western Reserve Academy
Teacher(s): Sarah Horgan
Champ’s Pick Award Winners

**Benjamin Carson**
Tabitha Blankenship and Vincent Eveland  
Junior Individual Documentary  
School: Kirtland Middle School  
Teacher(s): Heidi Grunenberg

**Harriet’s Story**
Jordyn Brand and Giavonnah Hill  
Junior Group Performance  
School: Monticello Middle School  
Teacher(s): Sharae Durrah

**Rock and Roll for a Cause: Live Aid, 1985**
Laura Kressler and Grace Suhadolnik  
Senior Group Website  
School: Rocky River High School  
Teacher(s): Sara Ziemnik

**Women in World War II**
Emma Van Ginkel  
Junior Individual Exhibit  
School: Seton Catholic School  
Teacher(s): Christine Bielecki

**Karamu Theater Breaks Racial Barriers in Casting**
Karen Sawires, Viviana Simon, and Kiley Kobie  
Junior Group Performance  
School: St. Anthony of Padua School  
Teacher(s): Jasminne Wessel